

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson - Chair, City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) Hon. Gilbert Cedillo - Vice-Chair; Hon. Bob Blumenfield, John Lee and Mark Ridley-Thomas - Members, PLUM Transmitted via email directly to each member and by submission to the Council File. Re: Council File 09-0969-S3—OPPOSE proposal to increase land use appeal fee to \$16,097; PLUM Agenda scheduled for April 6, 2021 Dear Honorable Council Members Harris-Dawson, Cedillo, Blumenfield, Lee, and Ridley I am writing to oppose the current proposal to increase the land use appeal fee from \$89 to \$16,097. This drastic increase will eliminate the financial ability of the vast majority of impacted neighbors, non-profit community groups and most other stakeholders to appeal land use decisions. This gives an incredible advantage on land use issues to land developers, lobbyists and others with deep pockets. This is particularly worrisome for low-income areas of the City where it is likely that such an increase in fees would completely cut out any community input on land use issues. Some City services can appropriately be totally financed through fees. Other City activities must be funded through taxes and other funding sources to allow all Angelenos to participate in important activities that impact them. Land use appeals is one of these. Our neighborhoods need to grow and change in a way that is best for Los Angeles and its citizens. This can only be done if the concerns of all impacted parties can be heard.